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1. In early September 1953, the State Planning Commission informed the East German Telecommunications Minister [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] would be made available for the 1954 investment program. [REDACTED] (provisional investment program) a [REDACTED] for investments in the field of telecommunications. However, on 9 September 1953, the Minister of Postal Affairs promised the [REDACTED] to the East German Council of Ministers and would procure the [REDACTED] postal investment projects. Apparently the Minister of Postal Affairs [REDACTED] hour. On 9 November 1953, the Main Department of Telecommunications [REDACTED] State Planning Commission to reduce its investment plan to a total of [REDACTED]. This necessitated a drastic curtailment of all plans related to the [REDACTED] the telephone net and the construction of trunk exchanges. Various [REDACTED] telecommunication engineering plants had to be cancelled.
2. On 1 August 1953, the 1953 investment plan was fulfilled 35 percent. The telecommunication engineering plant at Arnstadt which had received a large export order from China had to discontinue all work on orders for the German Postal Administration. The telecommunication engineering plant at Arnstadt must furthermore take over part of the production [REDACTED] communication engineering plant at Treptow. The latter plant which [REDACTED] "Werk fuer Signal und Sicherungstechnik" (signal installations plant) [REDACTED] for the East German Railroads in 1954. In early October 1953, the new 1953 investment plan was drawn up at the Main Administration of Telecommunications. In early December 1953, some gentlemen of the Central Control Commission of the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry investigated the reason of the insufficient fulfilment of investment plans.
3. On 6 October 1953, the organizational set-up of the reorganized Main Administration of Telecommunications was made known. According to the new plan the Main Administration consists of 10 departments. All departmental leaders are SED members and draw high salaries. Contrary to plans made in August 1953, the Main Administration of Broadcasting had not yet been included as a main department in the Main Administration of Telecommunications. The Main Administration of Broadcasting remained at Berlin-Niederschoeneweide.
4. The establishment of a new HV Post (Main Administration of Postal Affairs) was prepared by the [REDACTED] special investment department headed by one Gast [REDACTED]. Details [REDACTED] of this new main administration were not [REDACTED]

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5. The East German Postal Administration made available to [redacted] engineering plant at Arnsdorf various telecommunication equipments for display at the East German Industrial Exhibition held in Cairo between 28 February and 20 March 1954. The telecommunication engineering plant at Arnsdorf was not in a position to manufacture special sets for display at the exhibition in Cairo.
6. In July 1953, the firm "Geraetebau" at Schoenebeck on the Elbe River offered the Telecommunications Main Department 15 generators for radio operations with an output of 30 kVA each. The generators were driven by Diesel engines and cost 15,000 DM per unit. Only two such generators were bought by the Telecommunications Main Department.

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1. [redacted] Comment. For photostat of the provisional 1954 investment plan drawn up by the Investment Division of the Telecommunications Department of the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry, see Annex 1.

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2. [redacted] Comment. For revised 1953 investment plan drawn up by the Main Administration of Telecommunications in early October 1953, see Annex 2.

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3. [redacted] Comment. For chart of organizational set-up of the Main Administration of Telecommunications, see Annex 3.

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4. [redacted] Comment. For list of telecommunication equipments made available to the telecommunication engineering plant at Arnsdorf, see Annex 4.

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